

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 16, 2019 the Department of Public Health Complex, 410--470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 470 A/B.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Jason Blando, Public Member  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Mary Dietmann, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Elizaida Delgado, LPN  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Mathew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to add the review of a Department of Public Health motion for summary suspension regarding Lori Salupen, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Chair Bouffard reported that she along with Dana Dalton will be attending the 2019 NCSBN mid-year meeting that will be held in San Antonio, Texas March 26-29, 2019.

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report

**MINUTES**

- November 20, 2018 – Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long, Geraldine Marrocco, Gina Reiners, Jason Blando, and Mary Dietmann who abstained.
- December 19, 2018 – Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SCHOOL ISSUES**

### Fairfield University, Egan School of Nursing & Health Studies - Request for a temporary 6 month waiver

Linda Roney was present on behalf of Fairfield University, Egan School of Nursing.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve a 6 month temporary waiver for Kelsey Doyle, BSN, RN. The motion passed unanimously.

### Stone Academy – Approval of Program Manager, West Haven Campus

Linda Dahlin was present on behalf of Stone Academy.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve Terry Kinsley as the Program Manager for Stone Academy's Waterbury Campus. The motion passed unanimously.

### University of Connecticut School of Nursing – Approval of Curriculum Changes

Andrea Starkweather was present from the University of Connecticut, School of Nursing. This matter was reviewed by the Board at the December 19, 2018 meeting at which time additional information was requested.

Following discussion, Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the curriculum changes. The motion passed unanimously.

### University of Saint Joseph – Approval of Interim Department of Nursing Chair

Elizabeth Francis-Connolly and Janet Knecht were present on behalf of the University of Saint Joseph.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Janet Knecht as the Interim Department of Nursing Chair. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in December 2018.

## **REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATIONARY CONDITION**

### Katherine Stella, RN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a request from Ms. Stella's counselor that individual substance abuse counseling be terminated in that it is no longer necessary.

Jennifer Long, made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the request. Following discussion, the motion to approve failed, after it was determined that language in the Consent Order in question requires a modification.

## **MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

### Laura Kisatsky, RN -Petition No. 2018-1416

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laura Kisatsky. Ms. Kisatsky was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for March 6, 2019.

### Lori Salupen, RN -Petition No. 2018-1715

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lori Salupen. Ms. Salupen was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Chair Bouffard who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for March 6, 2019.

### **PREHEARING REVIEW**

Robin Annecharico, RN - Petition No.: 2018-264

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a pre-hearing review in the matter of Robin Annecharico, RN. Ms. Annecharico was present.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board highly recommended that a course pertaining to scope of practice boundaries in care giver situations would be appropriate.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

Shamique Martin, RN - Petition No. 2018-720

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Shamique Martin, RN.

Ms. Martin was present but was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order. . Following discussion the motion to approve failed unanimously.

The Board recommends that course work pertaining to mandatory reporting of child abuse situations be required.

Amy Houlton, RN - Petition No. 2015-246

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order Modification in the matter of Amy Houlton, RN.

Ms. Houlton was present with Attorney Thomas Bucci.

Gina Reiners moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order Modification which removes a controlled substance key restriction. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Allyson Graham, APRN - Petition No. 2015-980

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order Modification in the matter of Allyson Graham, APRN.

Lisa Freeman moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order Modification which terminates license probation at this time. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### **HEARINGS**

Jeannette Czaja, RN - Petition No. 2016-1423

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, that the Board grant the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted based on an Answer to the Statement of Charges not being filed. The motion passed unanimously.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Czaja be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Czaja's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Dana Gibson, RN - Petition No. 2016-1423

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Gibson answered the charges on the record.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Gibson be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Gibson's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Julia Heller-Smith, RN - Petition No. 2016-1356

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Cody Gaumieri.

Mary Dietmann moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to enter executive session to take testimony pertaining to confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 1:10 p.m. to 1:28 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Lunch 1:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Heller-Smith be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Heller-Smith's license be suspended for of one year with concurrent probation for a period of four years. Following discussion the motion was rejected unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Heller-Smith's license be suspended for one year with concurrent probation for a period of five years with conditions requiring urine screening; therapy; employer evaluations; a course regarding ethics; a \$2000.00 civil penalty; and a restriction prohibiting the provision of direct patient care during the period of probation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dana Kendrick, RN - Petition No. 2018-138

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, that the Board grant the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted based on an Answer to the Statement of Charges not being filed. The motion passed unanimously.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Kendrick be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Kendrick's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Blando who abstained.

Heather Breen, RN - Petition No. 2018-871

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Gibson answered the charges on the record.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant respondent's oral request for a continuance so she may obtain legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing